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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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**Christian Behl et al.** )  
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Serial No.: **09/856,681** )  
) Examiner: Nichols, Christopher J.  
Filed: **August 3, 2001** )  
) Art Unit: 1647  
For: **HUMAN SEMAPHORIN 6A-1** )  
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) **(SEMA6A-A), A GENE INVOLVED IN** )  
) **NEURONAL DEVELOPMENT AND** )  
) **REGENERATION MECHANISMS** )  
) **DURING APOPTOSIS, AND ITS USE** )  
) **AS A POTENTIAL DRUG TARGET** )

**FIRST AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO A NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed November 13, 2003, a three-month period of response to which expires February 13, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application based upon the following amendments and remarks.

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